

4 KATHY RUSSO: Hello. I'm representing
5 myself here as a citizen. [I must say I miss the old 1
6 format where we could ask questions and the
7 government scientists could answer them and it be on
8 the public record instead of in the back there with
9 their little posters.]

10 All right. [I'm opposed to this project for 2
11 many reasons. One important reason for me is the
12 land involved is within the treaty lands of the
13 Western Shoshone nation under the Treaty of Ruby
14 Valley, which was ratified by Congress in 1863. It's
15 been recognized by the United Nations Committee to
16 End Racial Discrimination has named the Yucca
17 Mountain Project as part of ongoing human rights
18 violations against the Western Shoshone. If we, as a
19 nation, do not honor our treaties, how can we expect
20 other nations to honor treaties they make with us.
21 We need to think about these things.]

22 [We need to be truthful about what's involved 3
23 here. I hope you all got your handy little pellets
24 of simulated nuclear fuel. I love this stuff. This
25 stuff is not clean. It's not safe by any stretch of
the imagination.

2 There's one other thing I wanted to say
3 about it. As somebody who has thought about this for
4 a lot of years, I've talked to people from many
5 countries that have been affected by nuclear in all
6 its forms. Nuclear power is something that is not a

7 good mix with a secretive government. And as our
8 government becomes more and more secretive, our civil
9 liberty becomes more and more restricted, the
10 potential for serious harm just grows.] So that's all
11 I have got to say.